

## **WEST TISBURY VISIONING COMMITTEE, August 29, 2023, pg 1**

PRESENT Ginny Jones, Leah Smith, Beth Kramer, Bea Phear, Caroline Mayhew, Jana Burktau, Jessica Miller, Bethany Hammond, Maribeth Macaia, Dan Waters, Marjory Pierce, Samantha Look, Jay Napior, Harriet Bernstein, Skipper Manter, Catherine Sterling, Doug Ruskin, Julia Reeves, Becky Cournoyer and Jane Rossi.

Leah opened the meeting at 5:00 pm.

### **DISCUSSION:**

- Leah explained that a Visioning Study took place in the 90's and asked if anyone in the meeting had been involved. Very few had participated. She said the town had hired Delia Clark as the consultant for the visioning process. Delia was the consultant for the previous study and the town was pleased with her work. Leah explained that the strategy is a vision-to-action process, and the committee's work will conclude with a two day workshop in the spring.

- Leah listed some examples of tools the committee might use in preparation for the Visioning Session:

A statistical profile of the town

A survey of towns people  
maps.

Leah asked members to introduce themselves and state their ideas. For example one would be affordable housing. Those present introduced themselves and stated their Visioning ideas:

Bea Phear: Short Term Rentals

Jana Bertkau: Installation of a community kitchen at the West Tisbury Church

Dan Waters: Dan suggested an online portal for seasonal residence for informational purposes and to be included in the committee's progress. He also suggested sending out cards to tax payers and a survey for all to fill out.

Beth Kramer: Transportation, Parking, Energy, Senior Citizens and Working together with Chilmark and Aquinnah.

Jay Napior: zoning, housing, home businesses/commercial businesses; What are we doing to support or contain?

Samantha Look: Open Space Protection, Growth, Ponds and Climate Resources.

Ginny Jones: PFAS testing and monitoring.

Harriet Bernstein: Capacity and Culture.

Doug Ruskin asked what the scope of the study will be. Leah stated that the goal is to create a policy for the town and this is a lead-in to updating the town Master Plan.

It was mentioned that the Charter School or the West Tisbury School could be a useful location for our visioning workshop, and the church is also an option.

Jane stated that there are maps on the conference room table for the public to add comments to areas throughout the town such as locations for sidewalks or bus stops.

The committee determined they would meet again in two weeks at 5:00.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm  
Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Rossi, Planning Board Administrator. **Approved on October 3, 2023**